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# SWORD

Incirlik Air Base, Turkey



## BREAK OUT

Base offers many opportunities for Spring breakers

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## Days until inspection

**Tip of the week:** The PRP is a commanders' program, with the medical group, military personnel flight, supervisor, and PRP monitors providing vital inputs. It is ultimately the responsibility of the individual to ensure that he or she is aware of their current PRP status.

**On the cover:** Students at Incirlik American Elementary School race out of the school for the beginning of spring break. This week's *Sword* gives base members some options for spring break fun. For details, see Pages 8 and 9.

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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. "Tip" Stinnette  
39th Air Base Wing commander

### Is it working

"Is it working? That was the question I was asked at the USAFE Commanders' Conference in March after briefing our approach to an increase in alcohol related incidents and sexual assaults. My answer was a qualified "We don't know." Generally, I prefer quantitative data over qualitative observations. However, in this case I don't mind offering the observation that "it appears to be working." You, we, and us have done an outstanding job in increasing our situational awareness, aptitude, and IQ on alcohol related incidents and sexual assaults.

Our Jan. 20 issue of the *Tip of the Sword* was dedicated to covering this issue, our 10-minute AFN special on the same subject was seen by millions on the Pentagon channel, and parts of our DIGITCON program are now an Air Force benchmark!

This month is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It reminds that we can never declare victory in the war against sexual assault. We need to keep beating this drum — the second we stop beating it ... bam, we'll be back at square-one. This article serves as our Team Incirlik proclamation that we value every member of our team and that awareness, education, and enforcement are our watchwords for ensuring that we are free of any and all acts that diminish us as individuals and a team ... easily put, sexual assault has no place in our community!

When members of our community are victims of sexual assault we all are diminished. At that point we must begin to pick up the pieces and support each other. We must meet the courage of those victims that come forward with equal courage and dedication to eliminate the threat to our community. We must commit all the resources we have to support the victims and ensure that it never happens again.

We promise that every victim will be treated with absolute dignity and respect. When a victim reports a sexual assault, the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator will reach out to offer victim advocacy services which include a trained volunteer Victim Advocate who will accompany the member through the medical, counseling, investigative, and prosecution processes. Our SARC, Capt. Kim Bell, is recognized throughout USAFE as a compassionate and dedicated professional who is committed to the mission of synchronizing our victim support, educating our community, and increasing our awareness.

Reporting a sexual assault is not easy, and it is understandable. Those who do are faced with reliving their account. But with the restricted reporting option, every victim will have the opportunity to regain control of their lives with time to heal, physically and emotionally. The point behind reporting options is victim support and tempo control. Our community of support advocates are truly committed to their jobs and in most cases the victim often elects to un-restrict previously restricted reports so that the investigatory process can begin. If you are a victim of sexual assault or know someone who is a victim, please seek out the services of our SARC.

We must also commit ourselves to prevention of sexual violence. There is no place for predators in our community. If you think about it and increase your situational awareness the prevention part is easy.

See **Sexual Assault** Page 3

**FPCON**  
*Charlie*

**INFOCON**  
*Alpha-plus*

**DIGITCON**  
*Bravo*

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## Sexual Assault

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Wingmen and flight leads are the prevention ingredients.

The legal consequences of sexual assault can be life altering ... federal conviction, imprisonment, dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of pay, and registration as a sex offender are among the roster of recourses for offenders. Stop, think, and act to prevent.

It's spring break time...fun, sun, and

friends. Let's make the most of our time here and make responsible choices by employing the wingman and flight lead concepts. Together we can make this summer a safe and enjoyable one. Remember this proclamation and we hope you will participate in the many events we have scheduled to raise awareness this month while Team Incirlik Ensures Freedom's Future!

**Team Incirlik — Ensuring Freedom's Future**

## YOUR TURN

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

"I like to play ball and listen to music."

**Airman  
1st Class  
Shaun  
Zinner, 39th  
Civil Engineer Squad-  
ron**



"I like to spend time with my family."

**Master Sgt.  
Stan Gohl,  
728th Air Mo-  
bility Squad-  
ron**



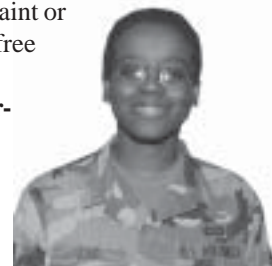
"I like to play softball with my squadron and varsity team."

**Staff Sgt.  
Delorice Hall,  
39th Logistics  
Readiness  
Squadron**



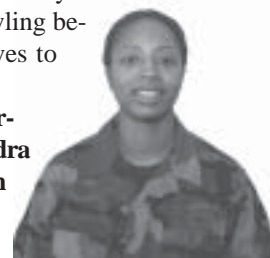
"I like to paint or sketch in my free time."

**Senior Air-  
man Belinda  
King, 39th  
Communica-  
tions Squad-  
ron**



"I like to take my daughter bowling because she loves to bowl."

**Senior Air-  
man LaShondra  
Gladney, 39th  
CS**



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 676-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil)

# Action Lines

## *Officer questions military members customs, courtesies*

**Q:** On this installation, I've noticed a continuous apathy when it comes to military customs and courtesies, most notably saluting. On several occasions I've encountered individuals avoiding eye contact, purposely holding objects in their right hand when their left hand is available and/or blatantly disregarding the salute. I realize that as an officer I should (and do) correct these individuals on the spot to avoid any future infractions, however, this appears to be a growing trend and needs to be addressed on a larger scale.

**A:** I addressed this one last Friday at the wing promotion ceremony ... it's a no-brainer and we are pleased to address it for those who did not attend. BLUF: Bottom line up front ... a salute is a way of greeting, just like waving hello. I make it my practice to always be the first to salute rather than waiting for someone else to salute. It is everyone's responsibility to follow our military customs and courtesies. I often giggle at the effort expended to avoid a salute ... it's just easier to salute than to duck the exchange. Let me help you out with this, be the first to salute and say hello ... and do it with a smile ... seek out those who appear to avoid the exchange, salute them and say hello ... and do it with a smile ... saluting is good!

### Abandoning pets

**Q:** I have a concern about pets that have been abandoned by their owners when they PCS. I find this trend very disturb-

ing and want to know what actions can be taken against people who just leave their pets behind?

I have also heard that everyone on base has to outprocess through the Vet Clinic before they can PCS. How are these people able to leave their pets behind? Are they not making it to the Vet Clinic? If they don't, how do they complete their final out without the Vet signature on their checklist?

**A:** We agree with you that abandoning a pet is a disturbing and unacceptable option. Virtual Out Processing is a great tool, but only five of the most important items on the virtual outprocessing checklist will actually stop a person from clearing the base if they are not accomplished. The others items on the checklist are reminders to personnel — and are their personal responsibility to complete.

What we will do, however, is hold personnel accountable who do not comply with installation instructions. The 39th Civil Engineer Squadron will notify the owner's squadron commander or first sergeant if an animal is found stray.

If the pet owner is still stationed at Incirlik, the appropriate chain of command will take the necessary actions to ensure compliance.

If the owner has PCS'd, commanders will research the particulars and follow-up with the gaining unit.

We appreciate your concern on this issue and will continue to publicize pet owner requirements.

## *Taxes: We've been paying forever*

Courtesy of the 39th Air Base Wing historian's office

It's been said that the Internal Revenue Service is the governmental organization that everyone loves to hate. Another way to view income tax is as a relatively small price to pay for the privilege of being an American. Either way the reality is that, with few exceptions, paying income taxes is both a legal requirement and a civic duty that has existed in different forms for thousands of years.

The resources that rulers and governments obtained through taxation allow them to undertake activities such as providing public works and services, improving infrastructure, and waging war. Early systems of public finance often taxed a variety of goods and activities, including property, trade, and occasionally wealth. For a short time administrators in England collected the first true income tax, a tax on wages, in 1404.

Modern forms of income taxation date to a British income tax levied in 1799. This tax funded the Napoleonic Wars against France. By popular demand the British repealed this income tax in 1816, one year after the defeat of Napoleon.

The first U.S income tax also resulted from the necessity to fund a war. Our Constitution, ratified by all states in 1790, prohibited a direct tax on citizens. However, our Supreme Court supported the government's enactment of the country's first income tax in 1862 during the Civil War (1861-65) and it remained in effect until 1872. Congress passed another income tax in 1894 but this time the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional. Therefore the only Constitutional way to impose an income tax would be to amend the Constitution itself.

The 16th Amendment granted Congress the power to tax personal income which they did at a rate of one percent on annual incomes more than \$4,000 (\$80,000 in today's value).

Because of the financial burden resulting from WWI, the Coolidge administration in 1922 lowered the annual income amount subject to taxation to \$3,500 (\$41,000 today). Households earning less than this amount were income-tax free. Then, as now, the tax laws and exemptions were constantly modified, yet as late as 1942, individual income taxes made up only two to three percent of the country's gross domestic product, or total national income. However, during

WWII the government raised income tax rates and cut personal exemptions to help fund the war.

Congress enacted the Revenue Act of 1942 to acquire immediately available funding for the war effort. Prior to this act, taxpayers simply filed and paid the taxes owed on their previous year's income. The Revenue Act initiated the payroll deduction for income and other taxes that we are familiar with today.

If you consider taxes a pain or the price of privilege, there is nothing that says you need to pay more than your share and that is what too many people unwittingly do. Fortunately for those stationed at Incirlik, there is a team of people trained to assist you in filing your 2005 return even if you were fortunate enough to have paid no income tax for the year. American citizens stationed overseas have until June 15 to file their 2005 return. If you should owe tax due, then you must file and pay by April 15 to avoid penalties. If you haven't already filed, then call Incirlik's Tax Center at 676-2040 for an appointment and they'll help ensure you get the benefits you're authorized while keeping you legal with the IRS.

# Going TDY?

## Base members prepare to cut their own travel orders using DTS

Courtesy of the 39th Comptroller Squadron

If you plan on going on a temporary duty assignment any time soon be ready to be full partner in the administration process from getting your orders to making your travel arrangements to filing your voucher.

Pentagon transformation team members briefed a four-month timeline to Incirlik's commanders in February, as the first of several milestones in the base's conversion to the new Defense Travel System scheduled to be implemented here in May.

DTS is a cradle to grave Web-based travel system that integrates the familiar flavors of commercial online travel booking sites, electronic approval routing similar to the Air Force's current Travel Manager/Fast (TM/Fast) application, and finishes up with one-stop travel voucher process, which takes the leg work out of paper-based systems, according to Staff Sgt. Shannon Kiphart, 39th Comptroller Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of customer service.

"The recent system overview for commanders was very straight forward," said Maj. Susan Airola-Skully, 39th Mission Support Squadron commander. "The system puts much more of the power and decision making capability in the hands of the traveler and the approving official," she said.

Initiating a travel order will require the traveler's common access card and their ID card's PIN. By filling out formatted screens on line, the member describes departure and return information. Booking an airline, hotel and

rental car is a near match to an online booking agency.

"The power of this system is the travelers, supervisors and approving authority can do a lot of things without direct oversight," said Sergeant Kiphart. "The system is designed to keep within most of the regulatory requirements, but it ultimately depends on the integrity of people to do the right thing."

The routing of requests for orders will be much like TM/Fast. Different people are at different levels to approve the orders electroni-

cally, similar to the way members would route their documents in hard copy.

According to DTS officials, there are some 11,000 DOD sites worldwide who will be able to use this, and all will be speaking the same language. From Air Force recruiters in Peoria to embassy Marines in the Philippines, all will use the same travel system.

The Defense Travel System is the official "temporary duty" travel solution for the Department of Defense as of September of this year ... faster, smoother and easier!

### Overshadowing experience



Photo by Senior Airman Christopher Flanagan

Base members had the best seats in the house for the solar eclipse March 29. Turkey was one of the few countries that was in direct path of the eclipse and offered a total eclipse that happens every few years.

## Vet advises against pet abandonment

Courtesy of the 39th Services Squadron base veterinary treatment facility

You may have noticed the Live Animal crates around base. Many of the animals captured are abandoned .... animals left behind.

There are requirements and regulations that exist while owning a pet. With ownership comes responsibility.

An animal requires food, love, and shelter ... just to name a few things.

Have you ever wondered what happens to these abandoned animals, by contract, once they are captured?

"Stray animals with microchips are brought

to the Veterinary clinic for identification and, ideally, the owner is notified. If the owner is not located or is no longer on the installation, the animal is taken to the Incirlik Stray Animal Facility," stated Army Sgt. Elizabeth Taylor, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

According to Incirlik Air Base Instruction 44-101, *Control of Animals on Air Base Incirlik*, Paragraph 3.2.4, "Animals will not be abandoned when the owner changes station."

If a new owner is not found and euthanasia is not an acceptable alternative, the owner is responsible for shipping the animal to their new station and obtaining and complying with

all instructions involved in the process. Failure to conform to the requirements of this paragraph (3.2) is chargeable under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice. Failure to comply brings cause for adverse action.

IABI also states that you are required to register your pet(s) within one week of arrival and you must deregister your pet(s) upon PCS or change of ownership.

Stray animals exist in the area. It is a disconcerting fact that we all recognize.

By abiding by the regulations, you are not only doing the right thing, but you are keeping a member of your family from a gray and unknown future.



# PSD initiative begins

By Tech. Sgt. Ryan Mattox  
Air Force Print News

The Air Force Contact Center's Web-based services and contact center officially began taking calls after a ceremony at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The center is part of a new initiative called Personnel Services Delivery Transformation, or PSD, which uses technology to place the capability for conducting routine personnel transactions into the hands of Airmen via Web-based services and contact centers.

"PSD is the road from good personnel service delivery to great personnel service delivery," said Roger M. Blanchard, Headquarters U.S. Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel, in Washington, D.C. "The call center is here to execute that vision. We are on the cutting edge of delivering services to the Air Force community. That's the road we are on today."

The center's opening is just the beginning of many changes Airmen will see in the way they handle tasks concerning their careers — tasks they normally had to visit their military personnel flight, or MPF, to complete.

"We are not closing our doors we are merely adapting to changes within the Personnel community," said Capt. Katrina Stephens, 39th Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight commander. "Taking care of the Airmen is still our number one priority," she said.

The idea behind this transformation is to

provide a convenient and secure way from any telephone or Internet-ready computer, allowing Airmen to avoid waiting in lines, save time and fit their personnel business into their own schedule.

The goal is to move 85 percent of MPF actions online. Once the transformation begins, however, it doesn't mean Airmen still can't get personal customer service.

"This is a centralized effort and centralization is the beauty of this. We are relieving the pressure from those in the field," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander. "We are simplifying the process."

Several processes like retraining and retirements, currently worked through base-level military personnel flights, will be self-initiated via the Web, and centrally managed and processed at the center.

"We had the opportunity to be a test base for the on-line application," said Staff Sgt. Cherron Shields, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of personnel employments. "We had three Airmen from Incirlik apply for retraining online and the process is working smoothly and the Airmen loved it," she said.

The transformation is a four-phase program that will continue through 2011. The first phase begins with transferring active-duty personnel actions and will then be further broken up into seven segments called spirals.

Airmen will be able to access the Web-based services through the virtual MPF.

*(Contributions to this article were made by Senior Airman Patrice Clarke, 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs)*

## Incirlik blotter

### Saturday

A senior airman with the 39th Maintenance Squadron was detained for getting into a fight with a Turkish National in the Alley at 12:30 a.m.

### Sunday

A senior airman with the 39th Security Forces Squadron reported that he was assaulted in Incirlik Village by three Turkish Nationals at 3 p.m.

*(Blotter provided by the 39th Security Forces Squadron)*

## Commander's Action Line program

The Action Line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander.

Submit Action Lines by e-mailing [action.line@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:action.line@incirlik.af.mil) or calling the 39th Public Affairs Office at 676-6060.

Action Lines may be printed.

## IN THE NEWS

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### Gospel Music Workshop

Come lend your voice and sing during the Gospel Music Workshop of Incirlik 5 p.m. nightly from April 25-29. This year's theme "Praise Is What We Do" gives the base community a chance to lift there voices in spiritual praise.

Registration is free. To register or to get more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) James Taylor, 676-6441.

# Touring the country the safe way

By Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones  
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

As temperatures continue to rise, more and more Airmen and their families will venture out to experience all that Turkey has to offer. When traveling there are some things to keep in mind to ensure the trip begins and ends safely.

Rain is common during spring time here. Driving in the rain can be treacherous because of pot holes that are not visible when filled with standing water and the possibility of hydroplaning on wet roads.

Slowing down and planning extra time to make a trip during wet weather can help ensure a safe arrival at the destination.

"A short trip where you're in a rush can turn into a tragedy with a couple of inches of water," said Tech. Sgt. Dave Zibbon, 39th Air Base Wing ground safety manager.

For Airmen and their families, safe travel begins before ever hitting the road by ensuring vehicles are properly prepared for travel.

"It's important that tires are in good condition and the car's wipers clear the windshield making sure you have a direct line of sight," said Sergeant Zibbon.

Proper planning also includes mapping out your trip, letting others know of your route and traveling with a safety kit that includes such items as a flashlight, jumper cables, a digital camera, a cell phone and a first aid kit.

Another critical travel safety consideration involves making sure all occupants are wearing seatbelts and children are secure in child safety seats. It doesn't matter how well equipped a vehicle is if the passengers don't buckle up.

"Just because you have a vehicle with air bags and side-curtain airbags doesn't mean you don't have to wear your seatbelt," said Sergeant Zibbon. "Air bags alone aren't going to protect you. Air bags come out with a lot of force and they are not as soft as a pillow, but they are softer than the steering wheel or the windshield. Seat belts are to be used in conjunction with air bags."

The ground safety manager emphasizes that it isn't just the driver of the vehicle that should be restrained, but all passengers.

"If there are four people in a vehicle (during an accident) and one isn't wearing a seat belt, it's like putting a bowling ball in there," said Sergeant Zibbon. "Until the vehicle's kinetic energy comes to a complete stop their body will be flying around. Although three



Courtesy photo

Sudden rain showers here can easily lead to treacherous driving conditions. Before heading out on a trip, ensure your windshield wipers work.

people in the car can be in compliance the one that's not can still cause injury or death to the other occupants."

Another aspect of safe travel that cannot be ignored is adhering to anti-terrorism/force protection measures when exploring Turkey.

"There are active terrorist organizations in Turkey, we're in a designated high-threat area and have sustained Force Protection Condition Charlie since March 18, 2003," said Capt. John Peresta, 39th ABW, chief of anti-terrorism/force protection.

Captain Peresta reminds Incirlik members there are individual measures they can take to protect themselves when outside the gates.

"People need to pay attention to their surroundings. They need to understand there are people out there who want to do harm to them," said the captain. "It's important to always have a cell phone with emergency phone numbers programmed into them when off base."

Additionally, Incirlik travelers should ensure they are familiar with the area to include locations of police stations and hospitals, dress conservatively, travel in groups, review the "local area travel brief" on the Source and check ATPF directives for travel restrictions.

Being assigned to Incirlik offers vast op-

portunities to experience the rich culture and history of Turkey. Taking a few steps to ensure you and your families' safety can help ensure all travel experiences are pleasant ones.

## Travel Checklist

- Ensure vehicles are properly serviced and ready for travel.
- Map your route.
- Inform others of your travel plans to include departure and arrival times.
- Carry an emergency kit.
- Wear seat belts.
- Familiarize yourself with local customs and laws.
- Don't call undue attention to yourself/dress conservatively.
- Get to know key Turkish phrases.
- Travel in groups.
- Ensure you are familiar with the area to include the locations of police stations and hospitals.
- Minimize travel at night.
- Check ATPF directives for travel restrictions.
- Review local area travel brief on the Source.
- Carry a cell phone with programmed emergency numbers.

# Spring Break

On base and off base activities galore for c

## Outdoor recreation

Outdoor recreation offers many trips for the outdoors type during spring break. Whether it's hiking at Camliyayla or shooting paintball at Kurkculer, outdoor recreation has the trip for you.

### Rock climbing trip

Cost: \$22

Come out for your first climbing experience or just share a rope with some friends. A typical day will involve top-roping, rapelling and lead climbing instruction.

We provide transportation, equipment, instructions and lunch. You bring snacks, water and your courage!



Courtesy photo

If shooting paintball is what excites you, then outdoor recreation has the perfect trip for you.

### Paintball at Kurkculer

Cost: \$18

The weather has been just perfect for the dozens of warriors filling our paintball trips week after week. When wearing extra layers for padding the only thing you'll sweat is being ambushed. We provide transportation, equipment, endless CO2, 100 paint balls, lunch and facilitation. You bring the pain!

### Eastern castle trip I

Cost \$15

If you need to get away and take in some culture but don't have much time, we've got your ticket. With our guide, you'll see the open air theater and tombs at Hieropolis Castabala, the Hittite story stones of Karatepe, and have a chance to explore Toprakkale and Snake Castle. There will be an additional stop if you want to shop for a klim, a handcrafted cultural treasure. We provide lunch, but please bring snacks and 10 YTL for the many stops and entrance fees.

### New shooter day at the skeet range

Cost: \$4 per round

Twice a month we set aside a special day to bring in new shooters and show them around the sports range. Our instructors will share knowledge appropriate to varying levels of experience. We will provide the firearms and ear protection, please bring eye protection of some kind and pay as you play. Ready ... Aim ... Pull!

## Breaking it up

**April 7**

### Patriotic World Tour

The tour features Lee Greenwood, Restless Heart, Dick Hardwick and the Patriot Cheerleaders 2 p.m. at Leisure Time Park.

There will be an autograph signing immediately following the show at the park.

**April 8**

### Give parents a break

Parents drop your children off at the child development center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some rules may apply. For details, call at 676-6553.

**April 9**

### Sunday movie

Come to the community center for a free movie from 3 to 6 p.m. Fresh popcorn and refreshments will be provided. For details, call the community center at 676-6966.

**April 10**

### USAFE talent clinic

There will be a free talent clinic at the community center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10 to 13. For details, call the community center at 676-6996.

Lap swim is available at the pool Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and after April 15



# children, unaccompanied Airmen and families



Courtesy photo

## Adventure awaits

The Information Ticket and Tours office here is available for traveling needs. There is a trip to Cappadocia and to Antioch, pictured above (with the chapel) during spring break, but those aren't the only trips going. Base members can plan their own trips to Istanbul, Izmir, Ankara and Greece anytime. For details, call the ITT office at 676-6049.

## : A day at time

### April 11

#### Spring Flea Market

Come and shop at the community center starting at 1 p.m. If you wish to sell items call the community center at 676-6966. Cost is \$10 for a table.

### April 12

#### Hearts apart potluck

There will be a potluck for families of deployed members from 6 to 7 p.m. at the family support center. For details, call the FSC at 676-6755.

### April 13

#### Final Friday

There will be a final Friday celebration with an Easter theme at the Club from 5 to 7 p.m. For details, call the club at 676-8606.

### April 14-15

#### Talent show night

Come see what has been learned at the talent clinic throughout the week April 14 at 6 p.m. at the club.

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Meet the Easter bunny during the base wide Easter egg hunt April 15 at Arkadas Park beginning at 9 a.m. for ages 2 to 12.

from 6 to 6:45 p.m. The pool opens for recreational use April 15. For details, call 676-6044.



# Space A allows dependent travel

**By 1st Lt. James C. Burnham**  
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Since November 2005, personnel stationed in Turkey have been under a tight restriction limiting Space-Available travel to permanent party and their command sponsored dependents. However, the current policy has been changed to be made more lenient for everyone stationed at Incirlik, Izmir Air Station, Ankara Detachment 1, and other places around Turkey.

U.S. European Command and U.S. Air Forces in Europe policy has been altered to allow permanent party and their family members (regardless of command sponsorship) to fly Space-A now. What this means for everyone stationed in Turkey is that now their eligible family members can come visit them at a much lower cost by using Space-A.

All family members taking advantage of this new policy must keep in mind a few simple rules which can be found in DoD 4515.13R, Passenger Travel Eligibility:

- 1) They must be eligible to fly Space-A in one of the six categories.
- 2) They must have in their possession an approval letter authorizing entry into Turkey. This can be obtained by the sponsor from their orderly room.
- 3) If traveling to/from Turkey on Emergency Morale Leave status, travel will be unrestricted and no approval letter is required.

At the time of Space-A signup at any AMC terminal, all travelers need to have all of their paperwork together (ID card, passport, etc). It is also encouraged for travelers to carry cash in case they must purchase a visa. Turkish visas cost \$20 and are required for anyone

traveling on a traveler's passport.

"I think this is a great initiative for family members to come and see Turkey," said Master Sgt. Eric Wilson, 728th AMS noncommissioned officer in charge of the passenger service. "With this change it allows ease of travel and less cost for our men and women stationed here."

For safety and base infrastructure reasons, all other unofficial travel to/from Turkey remains restricted.

For more information on Space-A travel, call the AMC terminal at 676-6424 or 676-6425.



Photo by Senior Airman Larry Reid Jr.

The new Space Available travel changes allows eligible family members to travel to and from Turkey.



# Military members have edge on traveling

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Vacations of the past might have included a long drive to grandma's house, to the beach or to a mountain cabin. However, today's vacations are more apt to include lost luggage, delayed flights, cramped hotel rooms, overpriced food, hidden fees, screaming children, time zone changes and terrorist threats.

With all these negative thoughts of travel, it is a wonder anyone goes on vacation anymore. But many will anyway since Monday through April 14 is spring break for Department of Defense Dependent Schools. Military members preparing for travel, especially with children, can often feel like they are preparing for a full-scale deployment.

## Leaving the country

First and foremost, military members assigned to Incirlik must always carry a copy of their red-stamped orders and military identification card. Family members need to bring their passports and identification cards. Without the red-stamped orders, which are what passport control stamped authorizing you into the country, military members will not be allowed to leave. It is also a good idea for military members to carry a copy of their leave approval. Remember, most flights out of the country stop at the Istanbul airport first, so always prepare for a delay.

There is so much more to do before getting stamped out of the country. The U.S. State Department offers tips to travelers on its Web site at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips\\_1232.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html) to include how to travel safely, traveling abroad and traveling with children and the elderly. The site also offers a registry so U.S. travelers can register with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate, which will make your presence and whereabouts known in case it is necessary to contact you in an emergency (Privacy Act restricts passing information on about your welfare and whereabouts without your authorization).

One of the first things the state department advises is to read the consular information sheets, public announcements or travel warnings for the countries you plan to visit as well as to get familiar with local laws and customs. Also, it suggests travelers make two copies of the passport identification page so this can serve as a replacement if the original passport is lost or stolen — remem-



Photo by Senior Airman Teneha Clements

Being stationed in Turkey gives military members the opportunity to get off base and visit the different sights like this one of the water falls of Tarsus.

ber to leave one copy at home with friends or relatives and carry the other with you in a separate place from your passport.

## Make like a tree and ... leave

If military members are leaving the local area they must submit a AF Form 988 or a leave request. This form is found on the Source under the subtitle "travel and leisure." However, since it is only the military member who fills out leave paperwork leaving only their supervisor to know where they are headed, it is a wise idea to make an itinerary for friends and family.

## Packing it in

Carry all important items with you in a simple, carry-on bag. The more flamboyant the luggage, dress and actions of the traveler, the more attention he or she will attract. Unless that traveler wants valuables stolen, they will be an inconspicuous as possible. So, in the carry-on bag pack IDs, red-stamped orders, all medication, leave paperwork, credit cards, expensive jewelry, money and passports. Consider also carrying directions to any place to be visited as well as a small telephone/address book with numbers of family, friends and emergency contacts

(such as the base clinic and your immediate supervisor). It might also be a good idea to carry a spare T-shirt, undergarments, toothbrush and jeans in the carry-on just in case the checked baggage gets lost, stolen or misdirected. Regardless of what kind of luggage you carry and where you take it — airports, train or bus stations, taxis — remember not to leave it unattended and do not accept packages from strangers.

## Penny pinching vacations

Military members assigned to Incirlik are allowed one Environmental Morale Leave per assignment period. EML travel ensures travelers and their family members are listed as Category II on Space-Available flights making this form of travel budget savvy. Members must use their EML after six months served on station or within six months of their date of departure. If not, they must fill out a waiver to be approved by United States Air Forces in Europe headquarters. The EML must be used within 90 days after the effective sign-up date, a date chosen by the member as a start date. To find these forms, visit the 39th Mission Support Group's command section Web site on the Source at <http://source/39MSG/CSS/>. Here, you will find the EML form and waiver.

# Incirlik Heroes

“You made my day!” Have you said this recently to someone at Incirlik? We want to know about it!

The *Tip of the Sword* will now feature a weekly spotlight on a person living the Air Force core value of service before self. This person may be someone who provided great customer care, a neighbor who helped out in a tough predicament, or a volunteer who’s making a difference and deserves a pat on the back.

“Mike Shrope has succeeded where others have failed for three years. “Mama,” our FSC mascot, has resisted capture up until now and produced countless litters.

Mike made an extra large net to catch her and now she is at the Stray Animal Facility. After her litter is born, she will be spayed.

This act is one of many instances of Mike pitching in as needed—he regularly helps out with FSC programs, PAWS and pet sitting for neighbors.”

— Julie Halstead, Family Support Center.

To see a valuable Incirlik team member — active duty, civilian, or family member — in the spotlight, contact Julie Halstead at 676-6755 or e-mail [Julie.halstead@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:Julie.halstead@incirlik.af.mil).



Photo by Senior Airman Patrice Clarke

Mike Shrope stands next to the cage that holds the cat that has been out in front of the Family Support Center for three years.

**Public Health discourages base members from interacting with stray animals. If there is a problem with an animal, please call Pest Management at 676-2075.**



Photo by Airman 1st Class Tiffany Colburn



Photo by Airman Nathan Lipscomb

## Family good time

Base members celebrated the end of the Eubank team visit with the 39th Services Squadron March 31 at Arkadas Park. (Left) Caleb Orié tries his hand at the ring toss, while mom, Pammi Orié watches from the side. (Above) Lexi Moore pets Lexi a 6-month-old dog with Pets are Worth Savings.



# LRS spikes MDG in final set



Photos by Senior Airman Patrice Clarke

The 39th Logistic Readiness Squadron beat the 39th Medical Group two sets to one in intramural volleyball Tuesday night. (Above) Victor Aguallu returns a serve while Maria Candiotti (No. 14) and Stefanie Moore (No. 23) of LRS stand ready to respond. (Right) Dean Cranney of the MDG bumps a pass to his other teammates. (Far right) Caleb Carmody spikes the ball right into the hands of Rigoberto Lemus. To catch the volleyball action come to the fitness center every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. to catch a game.





# Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

## Sumac

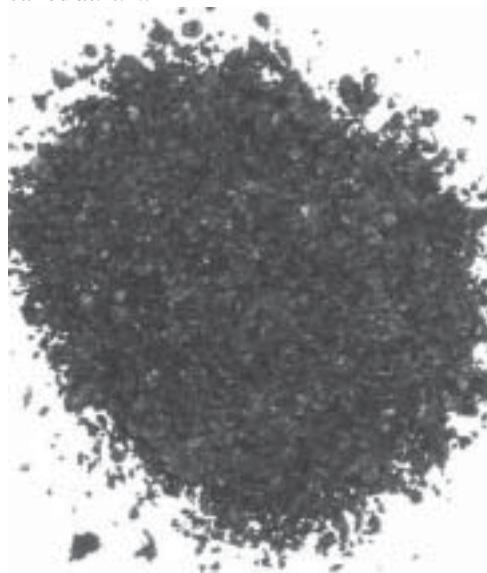
**Question:** Mehmet, what is the red substance put on the onions served with Adana kebabs?

**Response:** When you order an Adana kebab, the local specialty, at any restaurant in Adana you will get some additional ingredients with the meat not unlike hamburgers or steak sandwiches in the United States.

The extras include radish, parsley, lemon and very thin sliced onions. The onion is sliced very carefully and treated with different spices. The red substance you referred to on the onion is *sumac*. In addition to sumac, you might see red pepper put on onions.

All those additional items are free of charge. By the way, Adana is the only place in Turkey I recommend you eat Adana kebab. Not because of local pride, but because other places just don't seem to make it as well.

If you like spicy food, why don't you try Adana kebab with garlic, a samirsakli kebab. Another popular way of eating kebab is to put all the ingredients, including kebab, and roll it in flat bread. That type of kebab is called *durum*.



Courtesy photo

Sumac is a spicy red substance and is a traditional ingredient in Turkish kebabs.



Courtesy Photo

A dancer at Gar Gazinosu, a night club in Istanbul, does an oriental dance. There are these kinds of night clubs in Adana. These clubs can be very expensive and should be avoided.

## Night clubs

**Question:** Mehmet, two Sundays ago I went to the horse tracks in Adana to watch the races with a Turkish friend. The night clubs lined up by the race tracks drew my attention. There were several night clubs side by side and all of them had posters of female singers. My friend noticed I was interested in the pictures of the singers and offered to take me into the night club. I had prior plans and was unable to go to that club that night. What kind of night clubs are they? Do you recommend those night clubs?

**Response:** First, let me tell you that it was a good call that you had a reason not to go to those night clubs.

Those night clubs are not the regular night clubs we all know. You find that type of club in major cities like Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Adana ...etc. The signs of those places are mostly very fancy and very colorful. You read "...gazino" or "... gazinosu" on their signs. Some American friends say that you can see similar night clubs in Korea and Mexico.

When you walk into these clubs, you will immediately notice that all the customers are middle-aged or older males. The music is terrible and the singer sounds like screaming more than singing.

There will be some females, juicy girls,

mostly in mini-skirts and heavy make-up, at the tables accompanying the customers or hanging around in groups. Those females will wink or signal you so that you invite them to your table. When they come over and you invite them to sit with you, a waiter immediately shows up and asks the female what she would like to drink. She always asks for the most expensive drink that might cost up to \$100. The waiter keeps on bringing drinks for the female(s) and adds them to your bill. At the end of the evening your bill could easily be \$2,000 to \$5,000 and you are expected to pay.

Another thing I highly recommend is not to make the payment with your credit card. Once they get your card, they charge whatever amount they want and by the time you find out, it will be too late.

In big cities, some taxi drivers are working for those night clubs and they get a commission for each customer they take to the clubs.

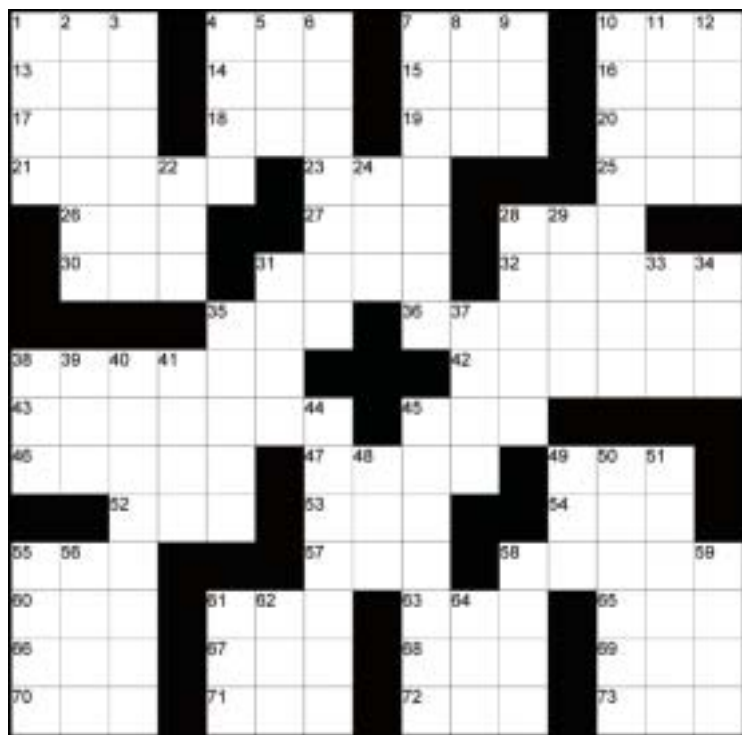
We have that kind of night club in Adana not only by the horse race tracks, but several of them also in downtown Adana.

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*Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 676-6060 or e-mail [mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil)*



# Acronym Buster



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## ACROSS

1. Music items
4. Mil. pay entitlement for food
7. What about \_\_\_\_?
10. 21st letter of the Hebrew alphabet

13. Mil. person in charge of NCOIC
14. USAF MAJCOM
15. Dine
16. USAF Sgt.
17. Mil. representative at another command, organization
18. Place for a sailor
19. AFOTEC and USAFA are this type of USAF org.
20. Defensor Fortis; SFS mission

21. Org. that provides base exchanges
23. 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
25. USAF education; ALS, NCOA, SOS, etc.
26. Intelligence req. for CCs
27. \_\_\_\_ polloi: the masses
28. Plan for mil. families in case of death
30. Mil. draft org.
31. Spore-producing plant
32. Egyptian town
35. Payment method
36. Boom boxes
38. Custard filled pastry
42. Fixed in the character or disposition, as if inherited
43. Type of cargo delivery
45. Where MWDs go for checkups
46. Interlace
47. American linguist and author Mary Rosamond \_\_\_\_
49. Civ. prosecutors
52. 1946 Capra movie \_\_\_\_ a *Wonderful Life*
53. Stimpy's pal
54. Burn residue
55. Everything
57. USAF requirements documents; \_\_\_\_ 36-2903, etc.
58. USAF MAJCOM
60. Foot part
61. USAF assignment site
63. Confederate general
65. Rated USAF Nav. Who finds, identifies and counters radars
66. Mission performed for downed pilots
67. USAF supervisor report issued on deployments
68. One's fortune in life; fate
69. Sea between Africa and Arabian Peninsula
70. Army equivalent to OTS
71. Type of bomb
72. USAF legal team
73. USAF deployment or mission DOWN
1. OCONUS Mil. pay entitlement
2. Iraqi currency
3. Mocks
4. Largemouth fish
5. Pilot with 5+ kills
6. Injured
7. Nomadic Arabs
8. Paddle
9. Heating unit
10. More energetic
11. LGM-30G or LG-118A
12. Joint
22. Environmental req. before constructing
24. CC's region of control
28. Aroma
29. Sharp projection
31. Mil. information classification
33. Mil. acronym for how forces engage enemy forces
34. Mil. office symbol for SECDEF
35. Diamond or spades
37. Stalemates
38. Chat
39. Demeanor
40. Tankers and flatbeds
41. Use red ink
44. Expressed orally
45. 2001 Cruise movie \_\_\_\_ *Sky*
48. USAF deployment set
49. USAF civilian employee
50. Declare
51. Displayed
55. USAF guide for chem. environments
56. DoD Law of War Program
58. USAF MAJCOM
59. William F. "Buffalo Bill" \_\_\_\_; Wild West Show
61. The Greatest
62. A Stooze
64. USAF org. for 71 ACROSS

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### Adoption day

The Pets are Worth Saving group will be holding an adoption day Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the base exchange. The PAWS group has a new litter of dogs, all vaccinated and ready for adoption.

For details on adoptable dogs or cats, as well as details on becoming a PAWS member, visit <http://paws.bravehost.com>. For PAWS related issues or questions, call Erica Franchino at 676-5938.

PAWS has an open meeting the third Thursday of every month in the Family Support Center. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Models needed

The Airmen Committed to Excellence will

be hosting their first Fashion Show Expo April 20 starting at 7 p.m. at the consolidated club.

They are looking for anyone who would like to model and aren't afraid to strut their stuff on the runway.

The categories are: casual, swimwear, formal/semi-formal, sleepwear and sportswear. The sportswear cat (show off your favorite professional. team) golfers are welcome as well

The event is open to all military and family members.

Tickets cost \$2 for adults. Models and children are free!

For details, call Senior Airmen LaShondra Gladney at 676-6301, Teneha Clements at 676-6301 or Simone Gillispie at 676-8114.



### Volunteers needed:

The Chapel is seeking Crossroads Café managers for Friday and Saturday nights.

For details, call Senior Airman Tianna Milagro 676-6441.

### Ice cream truck driver needed:

The Community Center is looking for a driver for the "In-Chill-Lick" Ice Cream truck.

If interested, call Selina Moorner at 676-6966.

**For sale:** 2004 Dell computer, Pent III 2.6 GHZ Processor, 512 ram (upgradeable to 2G), 128 mb video card, DVD/CD burner, Windows XP home edition with an existing warranty. 17 inch flat screen monitor, laser mouse and keyboard. Excellent computer like new only \$1,000.

For details, call 676-2145 or 676-3009.

**Classifieds Ads:** To submit a classified ad send the information to [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil) or call public affairs at 676-6060.



Photo by Master Sgt. William Gomez

## Fairy chimneys

This photo was taken in Cappadocia. One of Turkey's most visually striking regions, especially the "moonscape" area around the towns of Ürgüp, Göreme, Uçhisar, Avanos and Mustafapasa, where erosion has formed caves, clefts, "fairy chimneys" and folds in the soft volcanic rock.

The center of interest is the Göreme Valley, filled with rock-hewn churches decorated with medieval frescoes.

For details on trips to Cappadocia, call the Information, Ticket and Tours office at 676-6049.

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### Toastmasters

Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills. Lose your fears of public speaking and learn skills that will help you be more successful in whatever path you've chosen in life. The group meets the first and third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Meetings will be located at the Piper Lounge in the consolidated club.

For details, e-mail  
Donald.byars@incirlik.af.mil.

### Christian concert

Faceless, a christian hard rock band will be playing at Arkadas Park April 15 at 3 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in Hangar 4. For details, call the chapel at 676-6441.

### Homes needed

The Incirlik Stray Animal Facility is expecting an abundance of kittens. If you are interested, call the ISAF at 676-3258 or 676-5331.



### AT THE OASIS

#### Today

**7 p.m. – Firewall (PG-13) (1st run)** – Starring Harrison Ford and Paul Bettany. Jack is a bank security expert, whose specialty is designing infallible theft-proof financial computer systems. (105 minutes)

**9:15 p.m. – Tristan and Isolde (PG-13)** – Starring James Franco and Sophia Myles. In the medieval legend of Tristan and Isolde, young lovers become doomed against the forces of royal politics. (125 minutes)

#### Saturday

**5 p.m. – Glory Road (PG)** – Starring Josh Lucas and Derek Luke. The inspiring true story of the underdog Texas Western basketball team, with history's first all African American starting lineup. (106 minutes)

**7:30 p.m. – Firewall (PG-13) (1st run)** – Starring Harrison Ford, Paul Bettany. (105 minutes)

#### Sunday

**7 p.m. – Tristan and Isolde (Pg-13)** – Starring James Franco and Sophia Myles. (125 minutes)

#### Thursday

**7 p.m. – Glory Road (PG)** – Starring Josh Lucas and Derek Luke. (106 minutes)

### AT THE M1

**Basic Instinct II** - Starring Sharon Stone and David Morrissey at 11 a.m. 1:30, 4, 7, 9:30 and 11:45 p.m.

**Capote** - Starring Phillip Seymour Hoffman at 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30, 11:45 p.m.

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of Tepe Cinemaxx Tepe Cinemaxx and their Web site at [www.mybilet.com/show\\_place\\_detail.aspx?place\\_id=101](http://www.mybilet.com/show_place_detail.aspx?place_id=101). For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 676-6986 or the theater office at 676-9140.